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In re Application of:

Paul D. Taylor

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Examiner: GUNTER, David R.

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Confirmation No.: 6470

For: **DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID  
HETERODUPLEX MOLECULES BY  
ANION EXCHANGE CHROMATOGRAPHY**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

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Assistant Commissioner  
For Patents  
Washington, D.C.

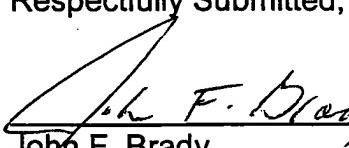
Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of the time for filing a Response to the outstanding Office Action mailed 08/26/2002, in connection with the above-identified application. The requested extension period is from September 26, 2002 until December 26, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$460.00 in payment of the three-month extension fee is enclosed. If any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 50-0821. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: 13 Dec 02

  
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